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IN MAURITANIAN WATERS

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1. SHOULD FACT THAT MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS COVERTLY GRANTED SOUTH KOREANS RIGHT TO FISH IN MAURITANIA'S RICH COASTAL WATERS LEAK TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT OR OUT TO PUBLIC, ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS OF SOUTH KOREA WILL SUFFER ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. AS TEMPTING AS IT MIGHT BE TO USE THIS INFORMATION IN CONTEXT OF CURRENT U.N. MANEUVERING ON KOREAN QUESTION, TO DO SO WOULD IN OUR ESTIMATION BE MAJOKERHOR: ANY POSSIBLE SHORT-TERM TACTICAL GAIN WOULD BE MORE THAN OFFSET BY LONG-TERM ECONOMIC LOSS. MOMENT IT BECOMES KNOWN THAT GIRM IS PERMITTING SOUTH KOREANS TO OPERATE HERE UNDER PANAMANIAN FLAG, GIRM WILL BE FORCED (A) BY INHERENT LOGIC OF ITS HIGHLY-PUBLICIZED (IN MAURITANIA AND IN THIRD WORLD) FRIENDSHIP WITH KIM IL-SUNG REGIME AND (B) ALMOST CERTAIN INTENSE PRESSURE FROM SOLIDLY ENSONCED NORTH KOREAN PRESENCE HERE TO TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO TERMINATE ARRANGEMENT (EITHER BY FLAT DENIAL FOLLOWED BY QUIET CLOSEDOWN OR BY PUBLIC CANCELLATION AND DISMISSAL OF SENIOR SCAPEGOAT BUREAUCRAT).

2. NOUAKCHOTT A-76 POUCHED NOVEMBER 6 DESCRIBED IN DETAIL QUIET EFFORT BY SOUTH KOREANS TO PLAY ACTIVE AND EXPANDING ROLE IN MAURITANIAN FISHING WHICH IS INCHING AHEAD VERY SLOWLY AND VERY CAREFULLY. AT SOME POINT DOWN ROAD, VERY SCOPE OF SOUTH KOREAN ACTIVITY WILL BRING IT NATURALLY TO CONSCIOUSNESS FIRST OF INTERESTED INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS BYSTANDERS AND THEN GENERAL PUBLIC. BUT BY THEN GIRM WILL HAVE HAD TIME TO WEIGHT ITS TANGIBLE ECONOMIC INTERESTS AGAINST ITS POLITICAL AMBITIONS AND, WITH KIM STATE VISIT AND GIRM COSPONSORSHIP OF NORTH KOREAN U.N. RESOLUTION FADING INTO HISTORY, TO BACK AWAY FROM ITS CLOSE PUBLIC IDENTIFICATION WITH KIM'S NORTH KOREA.

3. IN VIEW SENSITIVITY THIS INFORMATION AND ITS IMPORTANCE TO INTERESTS OF OUR SOUTH KOREAN ALLY, WE REQUEST REFTEL BE DESIGNATED NOFORN AND MARKED EXEMPT FROM AUTOMATIC DECLASSIFICATION EXEMPTION CATEGORY 1. CONFIDENTIAL

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